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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### ALGERIA.

*Report from Algiers—Maritime quarantine measures against plague—Rat destruction.*

Consul Johnston reports, November 11:

Bubonic plague appears to be spreading throughout Algeria and Tunis.

In addition to the ports already infected (Oran, Bone, and Tunis), plague has now broken out in Philippeville, where there are several cases under observation.

The maritime authorities are taking very stringent measures to stamp out the disease, especially in Algiers, where all vessels from contaminated ports are thoroughly disinfected. The destruction of rats and mice is carried out very systematically, not only on board vessels entering, but also on board the port lighters and tugs, on the wharfs, and in the stores and warehouses.

*Report from Oran—Last plague case discharged—Plague infection found in rats.*

Consul Johnston further reports, November 16:

One case in treatment since October 31 has been discharged from hospital. Several rats caught at the docks have been proved plague infected.

### AUSTRALIA.

*Plague at Cairns—Examination of rodents for plague infection at Brisbane, Cairns, and Sydney.*

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the departments of health of Queensland and New South Wales, and forwarded by Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne:

QUEENSLAND—*Brisbane*.—Week ended October 5. Rodents destroyed, 301; examined, 214; found infected, 2.

Week ended October 12. Rodents destroyed, 464; examined, 345; found infected, none.

*Cairns*.—Week ended October 5. Plague case reported September 28; September 30, 2 plague cases, 1 of which ended fatally October 1; October 3, 1 plague case. Total cases to date, 9; deaths, 4. Total number rats destroyed during the week, 191; examined, 40; found infected, 10.

Week ended October 12. Fatal plague case verified October 8. Cases to date, 10; deaths, 5. Rodents destroyed during the week, 162; examined, 33; found infected, 10.

NEW SOUTH WALES—*Sydney*. Week ended October 5. Rodents destroyed, 2,009; examined, 469; found infected, 1.

Week ended October 12. Rodents destroyed, 1,800; examined, 513; found infected, none. Date of last infected rodent found, May 10; on fresh premises, May 9.

#### BRAZIL.

*Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Plague on steamship Orleanais from Marseille via Spanish ports, Gibraltar, and Teneriffe.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, November 5 and 8:

Two weeks ended November 3. During this period bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels: October 22, the Italian ship *Annie*, for Pascagoula, in stone ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in personnel; October 23, the British steamship *Monbana*, for Baltimore, Md., in water ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the crew; October 24, the British steamship *Horace*, for New Orleans, La., with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the ship's personnel; October 25, the Portuguese bark *Uniao*, for New Orleans, La., in stone ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; October 26, the British steamship *Spartan Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 8 steerage passengers, and 2 new members of the crew taken on here, and the British steamship *Hero*, for New York, in a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with 1 new member of the crew signed on here; October 28, the Norwegian steamship *Nordpol*, for New York, in a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in personnel; October 29, the British steamship *Barra*, for Gulfport, in water ballast, with no passengers, and no change in the personnel; and October 31, the British steamship *Domira*, for Gulfport, in water ballast, and with no change in the personnel.

*Mortality of Rio de Janeiro.*—Week ended October 27. Total deaths, 250. Yellow fever caused no deaths, nor were there any cases of this disease. Bubonic plague caused 4 deaths, with 8 new cases, and smallpox caused 5 deaths, with 11 new reported cases. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião no cases of yellow fever, 17 cases of smallpox, and 11 cases of plague.

*Mortality in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.*—Week ended November 3. Total deaths, 231. No cases nor deaths due to yellow fever (it is now six weeks since there has been a case of this disease in Rio), 2 deaths due to bubonic plague, with 6 new reported cases, and 4 deaths due to smallpox, with 14 new reported cases. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião no cases of yellow fever under treatment, 17 cases of smallpox, and 15 cases of bubonic plague.

October 30 there arrived here in port the French steamship *Orleanais*, with bubonic plague on board. The vessel came here from Marseille, touching at Valencia, Malaga, Gibraltar, and Teneriffe.